

Hate Crimes

"Hate Crime" is the common term for federal and state Civil Rights Violations. Hate crimes include any crimes principally motivated by hatred of another because of race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, handicap status, or gender. *All hate crimes would still be crimes even if the bias motivation were absent*; therefore, each hate crime listed below is also tallied elsewhere in this report.

In 2001, 9 crimes were reported in Cambridge that could be classified as a "hate crimes":

1. Late on a January evening two suspects banged on the window of a Tibetan restaurant. When the owner came out, the second suspect stated "why don't you go back to your own country and punched him in the mouth. This case is still under investigation.
2. This incident in April involved a suspect calling numerous times to the victim making derogatory racial remarks over the telephone. A trace was put on the phone, the suspect discovered, and a court hearing was held.
3. In July, an unknown suspect kicked the victim from behind. The victim was riding his scooter at the time of the assault. Suspect kicked the victim again and Stated " Chinese boy why don't you go home."
4. Unknown suspects fashioned a KKK hood out of paper and left it in front of the victim's hotel room.
5. In late September, a storeowner found a note on the door to his establishment stating, "Latinos get out of Boston."
6. In an incident very similar to the previous crime, a storeowner found a note stating, "Latinos get out of Boston." Both cases were referred to court and cleared.
7. Four suspects approached the victim and started to throw rocks at him. They then began to call him "faggot" and other derogatory names. Several other anti-gay remarks were uttered. The victim was hit with several rocks.
8. Late on the afternoon of November 17th, 2001, the suspect approached the victim and her children and shouted, " go back to Afghanistan you bitch," the suspect then attempted to punch the victim in the face.

Hate Crime Motivations

Motivation	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Race or National Origin	4	8	9	2	8
Religion	1	1	1	2	0
Sexual Orientation	3	3	3	4	1
Total	8	12	13	8	9

9. On December 7th, 2001, at 10:20PM, two suspects approached the victim and stated, " that they hate white girls." The suspects then hit the victim in the head with the board. The suspects were arrested and a court hearing was held.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990 was enacted on April 23rd 1990, requiring the Attorney General to collect data on crimes exhibiting racial, ethnic, religious, or sexual prejudice. It was not until September of 1994 that the Act was amended to include biased acts against those with either physical or mental disabilities. The 1999 Uniform Crime Report reveals that there were as many as 7,876 incidents, reported to the FBI in 1999 that categorized as hate crimes. A small portion of these incidents (0.2%, or 19, in total) was disability-related, while the majority of them were race-oriented (56.3%, or 4,295, in total). Religion-oriented hate crimes were measured at 16.5% (1,411, in total), and Ethnic hate crimes at 10.9% (829, in total). Hate crimes based on Sexual Orientation were quoted at 16.0% (1,317 incidents), while Multiple-Bias incidents came